

**MILLIKEN MILLS PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 24, 2017 (rescheduled from Monday, April 3, 2017)**

**7:00 pm**

**Attendance:** Padmini Padiachy (Vice Principal), Sophie Momeni (Teacher Rep), Mary Massoud (Co-Chair), Angela Scrofano (Co-Chair), Fiona Veening (Co-Treasurer), Kim Loftus (Secretary), Anders Rawlins

**Regrets:** Nandy Palmer (Principal), Kashif Khan (Co-Treasurer)

**Meeting Norms**

Mary reviewed the norms for the meeting.

**Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed from the last Council Meeting of Feb 6, 2017 and adopted by Anders Rawlins and Angela Scrofano.

**Treasurer's Report**

Fiona informed the Council that the total in the bank is **\$4,823.54**. This includes the proceeds of \$544.63 from the sale of ringpops, chips and some juices during Francophone Week. Fiona also had received copies of receipts for the purchase of gym equipment (noted in Feb Minutes).

Council members asked about the additional fundraising bake sale that two teachers ran during Francophone Week as there was no previous knowledge they would run one at the same time that school council did. It was also suggested that additional fundraising initiatives run by other school members should be identified in advance to school council in order not to compete or "tap" out parents.

**Action:** *Mme Padiachy will follow up with the teachers on their bake sale proceeds and what resources it will be applied to.*

**Teacher's Report**

Mme Momeni reviewed the upcoming activities taking place at the school which include:

.Volunteer Tea	.Immunizations	.EQAO Parent information night (May 4 tbc)
.EQAO for grades 3&6 from May 23 – June 5	.Step Out Dance	
.Microsoft Trip	.Blue Spruce	.Pioneer Village Trip
.Track and Field	.Report Card Preparations	

Kudo's were extended from Council members to Mme Davydova, Mme Momeni and school staff for the organization of Francophone Week. It was noted that as a FI school, attending these events should be required and not optional and this will be confirmed.

Some Council members inquired if the planned Microsoft Trip can include FI Grade 8 class as well.

**ACTION:** 1. Council members to organize online around who is available to help organize a fundraising "dinner" for EQAO Info Night; 2. Mme Momeni to inquire with Mr. Hanson if Microsoft Trip can include FI Grade 8 class.

**Raffle Fundraiser and Update:**

Mary advised that David Lam Realtor, has donated \$1,500. She also advised that Mme Palmer confirmed that Council can proceed with a raffle and that Macy has very kindly printed up school raffle tickets - but the challenge is finding parents who are available to come to the school for the daily pick up of funds in coordination with the ticket distribution.

Some other suggestions in place of a raffle were discussed such as:

.Family Dance .Movie Night .Teddy Bear Tea .Canada 150<sup>th</sup>

It was also asked if an afternoon dance can be organized on a Thursday for the senior students (grade 7 and 8). Council members indicated that if given notice, they would be available to chaperone.

Mary provided an article that was in the Markham Economist on the inequality of school fundraising dependent on where you reside – in some cases, tens of thousands are raised by some schools.

*The link - [https://issuu.com/markhamshowcase/docs/mkm\\_20170413](https://issuu.com/markhamshowcase/docs/mkm_20170413)*

Anders noted that when he tried to go online with Walmart website there were some forms required so he will confirm back what is needed to the Principal.

**ACTIONS:** Council members to continue communications online regarding fundraising.

**Snack Program Update**

Mary noted that \$1,000 is being donated from CN for the snack program. She noted that there is a challenge in purchasing healthy snacks, as food prices are going up and that Angela Scrofano has been a great help in watching for sales and then purchasing at that time. Currently there is \$600 left until the end of June

**Principal's Report**

Mme Padiachy advised that in Mme Palmer's absence, a retired principal, David Moore is filling in as Principal. Mme also had planned to review a power point but the meeting ran short and this will take place at another time.

**Other:**

Questions arose regarding the Photography Supplier for Picture Day and whether other background options can be made available for photographs as some Council members have seen some at other schools.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.*

**Upcoming Meeting Dates in Library at 7 pm:**

Monday, June 5, 2017